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SETTING UP OF LABOUR COMMISSION OF SOUTH ASIAN REGION
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Labour Unions of Pakistan, Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka have resolved to set up a Labour Commission of the South Asian Region to monitor and enforcement of labour laws;

(b) if so, the main functions of this Commission;

(c) whether the Government has approved setting up of such Commission and participation of Indian Unions;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which this Commission is likely to be helpful in establishing healthy relation between the member countries and safeguard the labour interests?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) to (e): As per the information furnished by the Ministry of External Affairs, there is no decision within the SAARC framework to set up a labour commission of the South Asian Region to monitor and enforce labour laws. However, there have been media reports that South Asia Labour Conference for Peace and Regional Cooperation was held in Karachi on 1-2 September, 2003. The Conference reportedly adopted a declaration in which it was, inter-alia, resolved to constitute a South Asian Labour Commission.